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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JACK VORONA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AND  
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SUBJECT: "Remote Viewing" Project

I understand that DIA plans a meeting on this subject on 28 November 1978. I would like to suggest a few topics or issues that appear to me to demand immediate attention from the oversight groups you will establish. These particular topics are primarily managerial or procedural in nature: nevertheless, their neglect may preclude scientific success in the project.

The topics or issues are:

1. A clear cut statement of objectives sought by the Intelligence Community (I.C.): hopefully these technical objectives can be tied to rather specific collection or analysis goals.
2. A rationale for continued exploration of remote viewing phenomena, e.g., in terms of understanding the impact of success by others on U.S. vulnerabilities and of resolving recognized current deficiencies in the existing project.
3. The scientific status of remote viewing experiments treating such issues as the apparent non-reproducibility of results, the lack of documented and/or accepted scientific protocols, the seeming lack of consistent criteria for accepting and treating subjects, and the non-existence of accepted means of communication with subjects including the use of positive/passive feedback.
4. The development of traditional scientific measures of progress and "achievement" and the delineation of scientific procedures to be followed by experimenters. These measures and procedures must be developed by other than the current experimenters. They need to ensure that the magicians' processes of deception, feedback to subjects, etc. are not inadvertently allowed.
5. Means of evaluation of experimental results by other than the experimenters must accompany the development of experimental procedures.

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6. A past, present and future funding profile justifiable in terms of DoD objectives.
7. A stark clear statement of events, data, etc. that will justify termination of continued funding of the project.
8. The related legal issues of individual privacy, controlled surveillance, etc.

As you know, I have had highlighted to me both the potential afforded by success in remote viewing as well as the current scientific skepticism about the ongoing activity. I believe it to be in our best interests to address the issues I have raised just as soon as resources permit. I will assist in any way possible.

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Hunterville - Plt (internal & external)

high power diode for remote switching / light  
LP

Abandon (Col. Desrosiers & Mr. Kramer)

soft-permanent... oval around R.V.

Meade (Maj. Watt) InComm

Contestant & Communication

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Dr. Ruth Davis  
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Dear Dr. Davis,

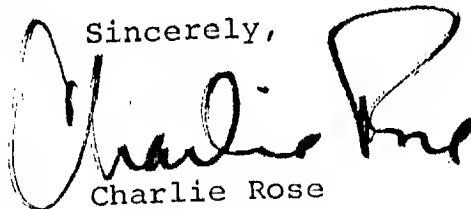
I have recently had occasion to become acquainted with some interesting research involving paranormal phenomena, specifically that relating to remote viewing. Clearly, while this phenomenon might well result in opportunities for the collection of intelligence otherwise denied us, we have a strong obligation also to learn what Soviet research is underway and what emergent capabilities they may have so that we may protect our own classified activities from this potential source of surveillance.

I would therefore like to see the Department of Defense undertake those efforts deemed necessary and appropriate to investigate remote viewing and other related phenomena.

As research continues in such areas it will be incumbent on us to understand and safeguard our citizens' proper concerns about their individual rights and the appropriate role of government.

I am ready to assist in this venture as best I can.

Sincerely,



Charlie Rose  
Chairman,  
Subcommittee on Evaluation

P.S. Please keep me informed on a regular basis as to your progress in this area.

Charlie Rose